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Sir:

REQUEST FOR A THREE (3) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 16, 2005, which set a time for response to expire on February 16, 2006, please extend that period three (3) months to expire on May 16, 2006. The fee of § 1,020.00 has been included with the check filed herewith.

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